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1. The entire Rumanian production of gold and silver for the first eleven months of 1952 has been transferred to the Soviet Union without compensation. This amounted to two tons of gold and eight tons of silver. It was reported to have been taken to cover the expenses of the Cominform espionage and propaganda work among the western nations.

2. The Rumanian gold and silver mines are managed by two Combines: Baia Mare, and Muntii Apuseni, operating in the western mountains of Transylvania. The workers are exploited by Sovrommetal; they work a twelve-hour day to keep up the production program. They are badly treated and kept at a distance from local population.

3. Soviet troops are reported to be located near the mines.

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